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The Soviet Government has demanded that the Sovrompetrol refinery be moved from Ploesti to the Soviet Union. The Rumanian Government has given its consent and the dismantling and transporting of this plant to the Soviet Union will begin soon.

Comment: There are several Sovrompetrol refineries in Ploesti. This report does not specify which refinery is going to be removed. Since the Astra refinery is the most modern and the largest, the report may refer to it.

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### 25X1 Soviet Frontier Posts in the Serakhs Area

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1. The first Soviet frontier post north of Serakhs is Kundukli, located ten kilometers north of Serakhs and five kilometers from the Iranian border at approximately 36-38N, 61-13E.
  2. After Kundukli, the next Soviet frontier post to the north is Ghomli Tepe (36-41N, 61-00E). At this post there are some underground passages ( ). The post has both guard dogs and pigeons, the latter being the post's other means of communications. This post is located at Chaacha (36-46N, 60-32E).
  3. About 20 kilometers past Ghomli Tepe is the Soviet frontier post of Yaz Tepe (36-40N, 60-45E); this post is also known as Yaz Qaleh and as Gushi Chakan. Located on flat ground, the buildings of the post are clearly visible. The garrison is equipped with carrier pigeons and patrol dogs. Like Ghomli Tepe, Yaz Tepe is serviced from Chaacha.
  4. All of these above-named posts are under the command of the Serakhs Frontier Headquarters.
  5. After the 1948 earthquake in Ashkhabad, the Mary (Merv) area became the main center for military concentrations in the Turkmen SSR regions near the Iranian frontier. There are military garrisons of secondary importance in Tedzhent and Serakhs.

### Highways in the Turkmen SSR

6. The distance by road between Serakhs and Mary is 140 kilometers. For a distance of about 20 kilometers outside of each city the road is relatively smooth and level, but the remainder is uneven, with sudden rises and drops.
7. The road from Mary to Kushk Post (35-15N, 62-17E) on the Afghan frontier is smooth and level from Mary about 60 kilometers to Yolatan (37-19N, 62-20E).

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a town of about 3,000 persons. However, the road from Volatan on to Kushk Post, a distance of about 140 kilometers, is uneven. There are hills near Kushk Post which continue to Takhta Bazar (35-56N, 62-55E) on the Afghan frontier; from Takhta Bazar on into Afghanistan the route is smooth.

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